

Re. : Amendment and Response to Office Action Mailed March 1, 2010
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II. REMARKS

The Office Action rejected Claims 28, 89-91 and objected to Claims 29, 67 and 68. By the foregoing amendments, Applicant amended Claims 29, 67, 68, 82-83 and 88; cancelled Claims 28, 54 and 89-91 without prejudice; and added new Claims 92-118 to further clarify, more clearly define and/or broaden the claimed invention, and expedite receiving a notice of allowance. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(f), no new matter is introduced by these amendments. After these amendments, Claims 29, 52, 55-58, 67-88 and 92-118 are now pending in the application, of which Claims 29, 52, 57, 67, 68, 76, 86, 96 and 106 are the independent claims at issue. Applicant believes that Claims 29, 52, 55-58, 67-88 and 92-118 are now in condition for allowance.

A. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Office Action rejected Claims 28 and 89-91 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over PGP No. 2002/0176546 issued to Dietz et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,043,266 issued to Chaturvedi et al. Applicant traverses this rejection, but has cancelled Claims 28 and 89-91 without prejudice to pursuing their subject matter in related application. Accordingly, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

B. Allowable Subject Matter

Page 5 of the Office Action stated that Claims 29, 67 and 68 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form with all the features of any intervening claims. By the foregoing amendments, Claims 29, 67 and 68 have been amended as requested and are allowable. In addition, page 4 of the Office Action stated that Claims 52, 55-58 and 69-88 are allowed. Thus, after the foregoing amendments, Claims 29, 52, 55-58 and 67-88 are all allowable.

C. New Claims

New Claim 92 depends from amended Claim 67, which is allowable as shown above. New Claim 92 is thus allowable for at least the same reasons.

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New Claim 93 depends from amended Claim 68, which is allowable as shown above. New Claim 93 is thus allowable for at least the same reasons.

New Claims 94-95 depend from Claim 52, which is allowable as shown above. New Claims 94-95 are thus allowable for at least the same reasons.

New Claims 96-105 are system claims that generally correspond to method Claims 76-85, which are allowable as shown above. Claims 96-105 are allowable for generally the same reasons.

New Claims 106-108 are system claims that generally correspond to method Claims 86-88, which are allowable as shown above. Claims 106-108 are allowable for generally the same reasons. New Claims 109-113 depend from new Claim 106 and are also allowable for generally the same reasons as new Claim 106.

New Claims 114-118 depend from Claim 86, which is allowable as shown above. New Claims 114-118 are thus allowable for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that Claims 29, 52, 55-58, 67-88 and 92-118 are allowable over the cited references and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that a Notice of Allowance be promptly issued.

If any further impediments to allowance of this application remain, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone so that these remaining issues may be promptly resolved.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any of the following fees that may be applicable to this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-3178: (1) any filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 if such fees have not otherwise been paid; and (2) any patent application and reexamination processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 if such fees have not otherwise been paid. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayment of any fees that may be applicable to this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

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If any additional extension of time is required, but has not been requested, please consider this a petition for the additional extension of time and charge any additional fees that may be required for the additional extension of time to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

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